

REMARKS

Claims 18-27 were allowed in the previous office action, and remain in the application unchanged.

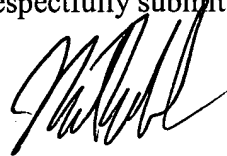
Claim 8 was identified as being drawn to allowable subject matter in the previous office action. In response, claim 8 has been canceled, and independent claim 1 has been amended to include the substance of allowable claim 8. In view of this amendment, claim 1, and each of its dependent claims 2-7 and 28-30 are now in condition for allowance. Claims 29-30 have been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner to overcome the objection.

The amendment makes moot all rejections lodged in the case, and places claim 1-7 and 9-30 in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C.).

Respectfully submitted,



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